Karnataka has requested the Union Government to declare it as a national projecrt; and

(d) if the same is not accepted by the Union Government, the reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VIDYACHARAN SHUKLA) : (a) The latest estimated cost of the Upper Krishna Project Phase I & II (Stage-I) is Rs. 1553.58 crores.

(b) An amount of Rs.629.28 crores has been incurred till 3/91 and an amount if Rs.107 crores is likely to be spent during 1991-92.

(c) and (d). Upper Krishna Project gets covered as a project of national importance according to the criteria evolved by Central Water Commission. This Ministry's proposals to take up this scheme for providing special Central Asssistance for expeditious completion during VIII Plan has not been accepted by the Planning Commission.

Postal Stamp for Ganesh Festival

5204. SHRI ANNA JOSHI.
SHRI RAM NAIK

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to issue a special postal stamp to mark the centenary of the Ganesh festival started by Lokmanya Tilak;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU) : (a) to (c). A Philatelic Advisory Committee functions to advise the Government regarding issue of Commemorative/ special postage stamps etc The propose, regarding the issue of a special postage stamp to mark the centenary of Ganesh Festival will be placed before this Committee, for consideration, at their next meeting.

[*Translation*]

Introduction of Flight between Bombay and Jalgaon

5205. DR. GUNWANTI RAMBHAU SARODE: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to introduce a flight between Bombay and Jalgaon;

(b) if so, the time by which it is likely to be introduced ; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise

(c) For commercial and operational reasons it is not possible for Vayudoot to airlink any new station at the present juncture.

T.V. Relay Centres at Patna

5206. SHRI CHHEDI PASWAN: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to expand the capacity of Patna T.V. relay centre; and

(b) if so, by when and if not, the reasons therefore?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS) : (a) and (b). A high power (10KW) TV transmitter is at present functioning at Patna and there is no proposal to augment its capacity. The interim TV studio set-up presently functioning at Patna is expected to be replaced by a